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SUBJECT: PAPAL ENVOY TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA

REF: ROME 10760 (NOTAL); LISBON 3328

1. VATICAN DEPUTY "FOREIGN MINISTER" MSGR. SILVESTRINI INFORMED ILLING AUGUST 8 THAT CARDINAL MOZZONI'S MISSION TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA WOULD BE LIMITED MAINLY TO DEALING WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADERSHIP. HOPE IS THAT MOZZONI CAN MOLD LOCAL HIERARCHIES INTO UNITED FRONT WHICH CAN WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY TOWARD BRINGING ABOUT GOP DISENGAGEMENT IN AFRICA AND HELP FORGE SYSTEM FOR FUTURE IN WHICH RIGHTS OF WHITE MINORITY CAN BE PROTECTED. AS FIRST STEP TOWARD INDEPENDENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE, SILVESTRINI SAID IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO SET UP PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH FRELIMO COULD EXERCISE IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

2. SILVESTRINI CONFIRMED THAT GOP HAD ASKED UK, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND VATICAN TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES TO GET FRELIMO INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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COALITION GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE AND AGREE HOLD ELECTIONS

FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN DUE COURSE. VATICAN HAS AGREED TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO MAKE CONTACT WITH FRELIMO, MAINLY IN TANZANIA. HE SPECIFIED CLEARLY THAT CARDINAL MOZZONI WOULD NOT BE IN TOUCH WITH FRELIMO. VOLPE

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